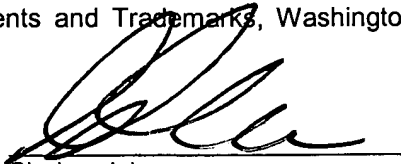


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. A control apparatus for emulating the physical characteristics of binary data stored in EPROM media for use with a digital processing device, comprising a CPU, operating system, dynamic memory, input/output capability and executable software, including:

- a. a control means;
- b. a non-volatile storage means;